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3. Dr. Johann Nelles, National Prize Holder and Director of the Buna Works, spoke on the role of the "technical intelligentsia" in peoples'-owned enterprises. He stated that the distribution of academically trained personnel was very uneven in East German industry. While the chemical industry had a great number of such personnel, he complained that the power industry had very few. He charged that the reason for this was that academically trained scientists and technicians were looked down upon in this industry and stated that this attitude could well be one of the reasons why this industry is in such a critical state. He also complained that many persons with academic training were inadequately utilized in the peoples' owned industries. He demanded that such persons be given the opportunity of participating in research and development work in addition to performing their assigned tasks. Only ~~in this way could their talents be harnessed to the national effort, he stressed.~~

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Nelles stated further that East German research and development was suffering by being cut off from foreign scientific literature. He praised the efforts of the Academy of Sciences, of the Chamber of Technology and of other East German organizations which were doing their best to open the doors to foreign developments. He expressed a desire that these efforts be continued, although he felt that it might be still more profitable if the efforts of the various bodies were centralized and centrally directed. In closing, Nelles stated that many academically trained factory directors were lost to research and development because they were overburdened with paper work and with such matters as the introduction of Soviet ~~methods~~ (newer Methoden), the directing of contests to improve quality and quantity of production (Wettbewerbe), personnel problems of a more political nature (Kaderpolitik), etc. He stated that all of these matters were extremely important but suggested that factory directors with academic training be assigned technically qualified assistants or deputies who could take over some of this work load thus leaving the director some free time to devote his talents and experience to the work of research and development.

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4. Dr. Schroeder (fnu), who introduced himself as a constructor of gear-cutting machines, stated that he spoke as representative of the ~~technical association~~. His greatest complaint, he stated, was the ~~centralization of the technical association~~ the central reorganization. He stated that the ~~centralization of the association~~ in this field. He then took issue with Werner Lange's plan that developmental work on certain types of machines in this field be begun in one construction bureau and finished in another. He stated that such a plan would absolutely not work. He demanded further that developmental and construction bureaus not be set up as integral parts of factories. This would subordinate research, he stated, to the particular interests of the individual factory. He demanded, however, that the bureaus be closely connected with the factories so that researchers could benefit from the practical experience of these units. Schroeder had a further complaint to make concerning the situation in the patent office and he demanded that more patent engineers be employed forthwith. He stated that in the field of machine and tool construction there were between 5,000 and 6,000 constructors and for this large group there were only three patent engineers available. This situation led to an impossible bottleneck, he stated.
 5. Schroeder closed his remarks with an earnest plea that the East German government reverse itself on its recent decision to limit drastically attendance at foreign industrial fairs, exhibits and conferences. He declared that he was strongly opposed to such a limitation, stating that if a colleague could be trusted there was no reason why he could not be allowed to attend a foreign affair having to do with his particular field of interest. This remark was greeted by applause from the participants of the meeting.

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